

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph of the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, on page 1 of the application as filed, with the following:

-- ~~This specification~~ This application claims priority to U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/954,486, entitled "Printed Wiring Boards and Methods of Making Them", filed on September 17, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of (1) U.S. Ser. No. 09/527,706, filed March 17, 2000, now pending, which is a continuation-in-part of (2) U.S. Serial No. 08/975,613, filed November 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,171,468, which is a continuation-in-part of (3) U.S. Serial No. 08/471,871, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,690,805, which is a continuation-in-part of (4) U.S. Serial No. 08/340,849, filed November 16, 1994, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of (5) U.S. Serial No. 08/232,574, filed May 3, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,476,580, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of (6) U.S. Serial No. 08/062,943, filed May 17, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,389,270. Other related applications are U.S. Serial No. 08/477,452, filed June 7, 1995, now abandoned, and U.S. Serial No. 08/486,331, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,725,807. The entire specification and all the claims of each prior patent application and patent referred to above are hereby incorporated by reference to provide continuity of disclosure.--

Also on page ⁴/₅, prior to the heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--

--FIG. 1 is a diagrammatic cross-sectional view of a printed wiring board of the present invention after electroplating.--